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RESTRICTIONS AFFECTING THE IMPORTATION AND INTERSTATE MOVEMENT OF
FROZEN-PACK FRUITS

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The importation into the United States and the interstate shipment from Hawaii and Puerto Rico of frozen fruits, other than those which may be entered in the fresh state, are authorized under the provisions of regulation 2 of the rules and regulations supplemental to Notice of Quarantine No. 13; regulation 2 of the rules and regulations supplemental to Notice of Quarantine No. 55; and regulation 3 of the rules and regulations supplemental to Notice of Quarantine No. 58, under the following restrictions and conditions:

- (1) Importations and interstate shipments may be made only under permits issued in advance of shipment. Applications for permits should be made to the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine of the United States Department of Agriculture.
- (2) The importation and interstate shipment is not authorized of fruits which may be subject to attack, in the area of origin, of plant pests for which the refrigeration treatment herein prescribed may not, in the judgment of the Chief of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, be completely effective.
- (3) Fruit imported from foreign countries or shipped interstate from Hawaii or Puerto Rico under authority of this circular must be frozen solid either before or after packing for shipment and must be at a temperature of 20° F., or below at the time of arrival.
- (4) Such fruit may not be removed from the vessel transporting it until it has been determined by inspection by a representative of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine that all parts of the shipment at the time of arrival registered a temperature of not more than 20° F. and until it has been released by the said representative of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine.



(5) If the fruit in any part of a shipment imported or shipped interstate under authority of this circular is found to be above 20° F. at the time of the inspection required in paragraph (4) of this circular, the entire shipment shall remain on the transporting vessel under such safeguards as may be prescribed by the representative of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine until it attains the required temperature of 20° F. or below, or is transported beyond the territorial waters of the United States.

Since the temperature will be determined by thermometers, provision should be made for easy access to the interior of shipments so as to avoid unnecessary mutilation or destruction of containers. It is suggested therefore that cans, casks, or other types of packages of not more than 5-gallon capacity be employed wherever possible.

Applications should include information with respect to the process to be employed--whether the fruit is to be frozen prior to or after placing in the containers--and the approximate length of time that it will be exposed to a temperature of 20° F. or below while in transit.

Frozen Fruits which Are not Covered by this Circular

This circular does not affect the status of those fruits which may be imported or shipped interstate in the fresh state under the provisions of the rules and regulations supplemental to notices of quarantines nos. 13, 56, and 58. When such fruits are offered for entry or interstate movement in frozen condition they are subject only to the restrictions which apply to their entry or interstate movement as fresh fruits.

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